



# Carl Ray Edwards

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**C**arl Ray Edwards, 65, of Fayetteville, AR formerly of Pangburn, AR died Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas, after a valiant fight against cancer.

Ray was born in Heber Springs, Arkansas, the son of Everett C. Edwards and Pauline Ghent Edwards. He spent his early childhood in Pangburn, lived in Wichita KS from 6th to 9th grade, and graduated from Pangburn High School. He attended Arkansas State College in Beebe from 1959 - 1961.

Ray worked in the Titan II Missile Silos in Arkansas White County in 1962 and 1963 until he was drafted into the army where he was stationed at Ford Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York, serving as a specialist 5th class in the Personnel Division of the 2nd Corps. Returning home he worked for Speery Rand Corporation in Searcy until February of 1967 when he went to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. as a clerk in the payroll office until August of 1972. From August of 1972 until his retirement he worked for the US House of Representatives, Office of Finance in the payroll office. He set up the accounting system for the House of Representatives and was In charge of the accounting department by 1979. At the time of his retirement on January 31, 1995, he was Deputy Chief of the Office of Finance.

He was preceded in death by his father, Everette Edwards, two brothers, Joe Carlton Edwards and Jimmy Don Edwards.

He is survived by his mother, Pauline Edwards of Pangburn, a brother, William Albert (Butch) Edwards of Pangburn, his wife Freda Coyner Edwards of Fayetteville, two sons Kevin Edwards of Little Rock (wife Susannah and children Henry and Frannie,) David Edwards of Huntingtown, MD.(wife Lauren). Others who know him as DAD include Boyd and Karen Whitlock, and Cheri Keas of Fayetteville, Grant and Charlotte Gregory of Richmond, VA, and Chris and Mandy Coyner of Bella Vista, AR. He is a loving grandfather to their 13 children.



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Ray loved gardening, landscaping, architectural design, painting, drawing, and home design, interior designing, and floral arrangement. His home and gardens were wonderful. Anyone who knows Ray knows of his love for Alex his pet poodle of 17 years.

A visitation will be held Tuesday evening October 10th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday October 11th at the Christian Life Cathedral in Fayetteville. A 4:30 PM committal service will be held at Henderson Cemetery in Pangburn, AR.

Memorials may be to WRMC Hospice or cancer research.

Visitation Date Time Tuesday, October 10, 2006 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Visitation Location Nelson-Berna Funeral Home Service Date Time Wednesday, October 11, 2006 10:00 AM Service Location Christian Life Cathedral in Fayetteville, AR



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JC

**Joan Ghent McAfee (Cousin)** posted:

I didn't know he was sick until he was nearly gone. My boys usually do a good job of keeping me posted on family and friends but this one bypassed me. I am so sorry. I wish I could have talked to him again. I have many fond and funny memories of Ray. He came to the hospital with my dad to see about me giving birth to my son, David and somehow managed to see the baby before he was cleaned up. It was quite a jolt to him and I believe he lost his dinner. We used to laugh about that. I pray for God's love to comfort you.

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DW

**David Butler (Friends Of Boyd And Karen Whitlock)** posted:

God's blessings over you and your family during this time of loss.

August 30 at 9:26 AM

CM

**Carl & Linda (Downum) Madar** posted:

Freda and Family, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Ray. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Carl and Linda

August 30 at 9:26 AM

LP

**Larry & Pat (Vaughan) Schaffer (High School Friend/Dance Partner)** posted:

Ray was a wonderful friend and fun to be around. Everyone was always important to him. He will be greatly missed by us all!

August 30 at 9:26 AM

TN

**Todd, Paula And Will Whitehead (Neice)** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle Ray was one of those truly unique people who touched those around him in such a positive way. He may be gone but the memories will always be with us.

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GF

**George F. Stewart (Friend)** posted:

Ray was a great guy. I knew him in high school at Pangburn. I last saw him in 1964, when my wife (then fiancée) and I were in New York. We visited Ray at the Army base on Staten Island. I'm happy for the successful life he led, but I mourn his passing too young. Sincere condolences to all his family and friends.

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NF

**Norma Wood Charles (Childhood Friend)** posted:

Ray was a wonderful boy growing up. He was one of the friendliest people I have ever known. He always went out of his way to seek out an old friend who might be visiting in Pangburn. His family contributed to the safe loving environment we enjoyed growing up in Pangburn. Ray will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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NC

**Natalie C. Greene (Colleague)** posted:

I met Ray on my first day of employment at the US House of Representatives in June 1984. He was warm and friendly from the outset. I feel this loss greatly as we were to have dinner in Chesapeake Beach, MD the evening preceding his death. Let us remember that a long life may not be good enough, but a good life is always long enough! May the peace of the Lord be with the Edwards family. Natalie

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JP

**Joyce Van Patten Hopper (Schoolmate In Pangburn)** posted:

Ray was a very good friend of ours. We enjoyed being with Freda and Ray so much. We also enjoy being joint grandparents to Boyd and Karen's children. Ray was a joy and a blessing to all who knew him. We will miss him very much.

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TB

**Terry & Judy Butler** posted:

Our prayers are with the family during this time of loss. Ray was a dear friend and will be missed.

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EF

**Estelle And Jackjones (Friend Of 29 Years From Va)** posted:

Freda, Ray will be missed by so many people. I will always remember his smiling face and laughter. He helped make working at the House of Representatives a fun place. We all had some great times. He lit up the room wherever he was. He will be sorely missed by our group. It won't be the same without him.

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GF

**Geoffrey And Laquita Wood Kent (Friends)** posted:

Ray was the most generous person I have ever known, giving time and loving friend-ship to everyone he knew. His presence has been a blessing to us all.

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RF

**Reba Cunningham (Friend)** posted:

Carl Ray was one of the sweetest men I had ever had the priviledge of knowing. Freda, my prayers have been with you and your family during his illness. I wish I could have been at Fayetteville for you and him.I will try and be at the cemetary. Love you,Reba

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JF

**J E Collins (Friend)** posted:

SORRY TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING MAY GOD BLESS.

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DF

**Don /Jackie Patterson (Good Friends)** posted:

Ray you were not only a good to us but to everyone who met you. You will be missed but not forgotten.Don/ Jackie

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MF

**Michael And Dorothy Strunk (Life Long Friend)** posted:

To say that Ray will be missed is an under statement. I know that my world without him is going to have a big spot that cannot be filled. He was my forever friend and has gone home to be with the Lord and can you imagine how much rejoicing there was when he stepped over? All that knew him throughout his life were enriched by his friendship and caring. Ray never let anyone go once you were a part of his life and that is a gift that only a few have in this earthly life. Farewell for a while dear heart. Sandra

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DC

**Donna And Larry Carter** posted:

Ray is loved by all. Sorry we lost such a wonderful friend. Donna & Larry

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MF

**Michael Roach (Friend Of Family)** posted:

Freda, still praying for all of you. Michael

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Carl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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